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Millbury Again Asks for Concerns to be Addressed

By Edward J. Cooney

MILLBURY - A 3:00 p.m. January 11 meeting scheduled to discuss concerns surrounding the Rte. 146/Mass Pike/Rte. 20 connector project was preceded by a hastily called and unposted meeting at 2:00 p.m.

According to Selectmen Chair Jude Cristo, the 2:00 p.m. meeting focused on a letter from Jane Garvey, Commissioner of the State DPW, that attempted to answer some concerns posed by Millbury's Rte. 146 Task Force Study Committee.

Present at the 2 p.m. meeting was Glenn Sadowsky, a consultant for the state, who asked Town Planner Dave Hulseberg to identify one or two of the questions raised by the study committee. Hulseberg also serves as chairman of the Study Committee.

Among the issues Hulseberg referred to was the town's request for the elimination of the State's proposed cul-de-sac north of Rte. 20 on the existing Rte. 146. Hulseberg said the proposal would cut off a portion of Millbury from itself.

"We recognize that there are safety issues as an isolated piece of Millbury is being created, and there might be other ways to address that issue other than making it one way northbound," Sadowsky replied. "One is a mutual aid agreement with Worcester. We think we can create a design, where emergency vehicles, ambulances, the fire, the police will have access to there."

"We respectfully disagree with you on that," Hulseberg said.

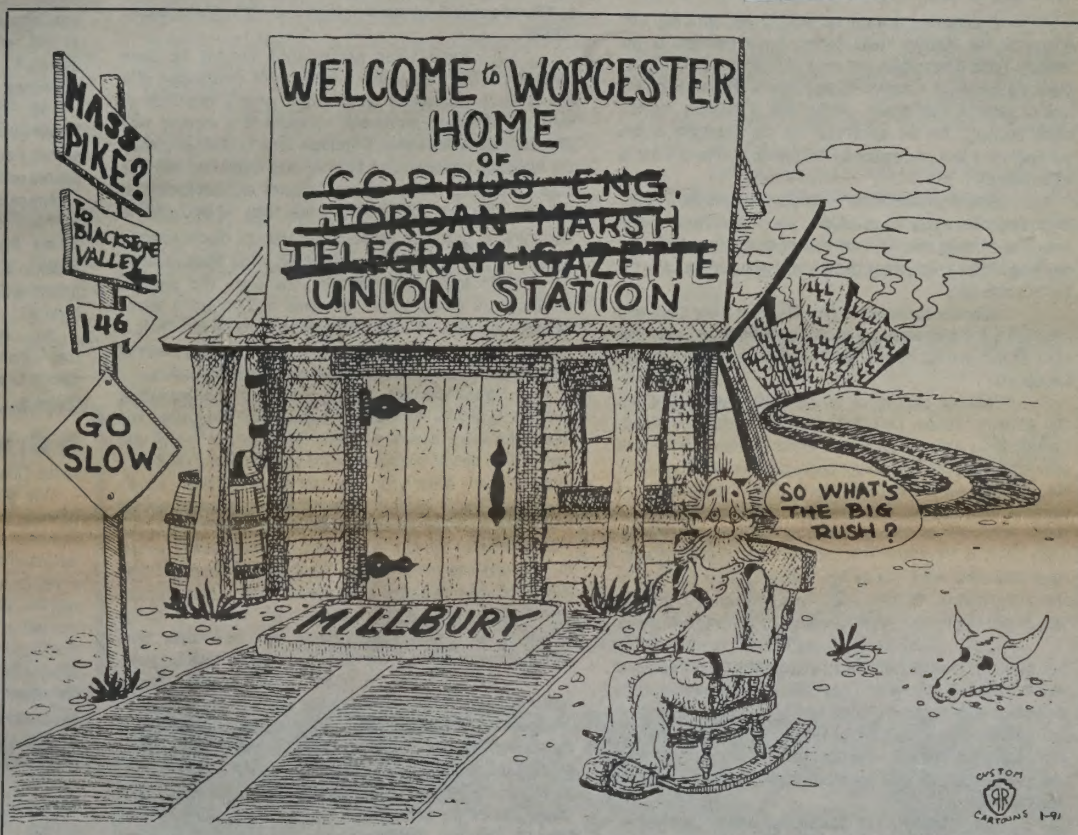
Sadowsky said the issue would require further study. "With the right forum and the right discussion, who knows what you might come up with," he said.

Moving to the selectmen's meeting room, Cristo acknowledged the presence of some 60 individuals from Worcester and the Blackstone Valley towns, including legislators, members of the business community, and state and local officials.

Cristo told the gathering that the Millbury Board of Selectmen unanimously supports the concept of the interchange/connector proposal. "However," he said, "we have invited you here today to discuss some of the deficiencies of the proposal that would have a negative impact on our community. I don't think anyone in this room wants to see a substandard roadway built. I don't think anyone in this room wants to see another New Braintree situation."

Hulseberg then gave a video presentation that reflected the concerns of the Rte. 146 study committee. In the presentation, Hulseberg noted that the committee was established by the selectmen to study concerns relating to safety, health, economic growth and property owners' concerns.

Hulseberg said a limited access road is needed for Rte. 146 to become a first class highway. He said the state's present proposals could create a bottleneck along that portion of Rte. 146 in Millbury that



approaches Worcester.

Hulseberg listed improved traffic flow, a better roadway, and some economic benefits as pluses of the project.

Among the detriments Hulseberg listed for both road alternatives proposed by the state were: a change in the quality of life, increased traffic, increased speed along 146. "Specific needs to be addressed are property compensation for land owners and removal of land from the tax base," he said.

Hulseberg noted that the present proposals do not permit easy access for emergency assistance for the affected area. "There are further access problems for a northerly flow as a cul-de-sac will prevent access to buildings and property except by way of going to Worcester and returning," he said.

Hulseberg said another concern is access to North Main Street from Park Hill and Martin Street; the proposal at present for a cul-de-sac at that point would block off access to North Main Street.

It was also noted that the McCracken Road bridge would need to be upgraded as an alternate route in the event of a shut down of Rte. 146 from 122A to 1290 both North and South.

Hulseberg said that emergency services will require substantial monies because of an increased amount of traffic and traffic accidents. As the design now stands, he said it would affect the ability of a volunteer

fire department to be able to respond to the 146 corridor.

Hulseberg then listed a series of concerns that were previously presented to the state, both orally and in writing in November. "How will curb cuts be designed?" Hulseberg asked. "How will access points be designed? How will the state help Millbury pursue parallel access roads? How will school bus pickups and the safety of our children be affected? How will noise increases be handled? How will the state deal with proposed increases in traffic on Greenwood Street and Park Hill, Millbury Avenue and Martin Street? How will the state protect the Blackstone River and town wells? Where are the traffic studies the state said they would do? Will all the homes and businesses be taken along Rte. 146 northbound from Rte. 122A? Whose property is to be taken? When will they be advised? How and what compensation will be provided? What will happen to properties not taken and who will compensate those properties for devaluation if they are not taken? The state's response to these concerns will significantly affect our (the study committees') recommendation to the Board of Selectmen," Hulseberg said.

"Millbury is the host community for a project that is intended to benefit the region. A project which will be a boost to Worcester; Millbury is Worcester's front door," Hulseberg said. "What we are seeking is a first class

road with a limited access. We are seeking the ability to provide for further economic development along the corridor. We want to retain our sense of place. Our community identity. We believe that Millbury has the ability to control its own destiny and leverage enough support to meet that need. Let's do it right and do it right the first time," Hulseberg concluded.

Sadowsky gave a brief overview of the proposal. Presently three at-grade intersection are being studied for Rte. 122A and North Main Street, Park Hill Avenue and McCracken Road. "As we look at the project today and as we hear the town's concerns, we have the ability to think these concerns through further."

Representative Paul Kollios said he has supported the concept for the connector for three or four years. "All we need is to continue the work on the road into Worcester, and I'm hopeful that will take place now. I think we can address the concerns brought up by Town Planner Dave Hulseberg as brought up in the filmstrip."

Fire Chief Tom Nault asked if anyone at the state level has any definitive numbers concerning traffic studies. He noted that this issue was raised two years ago at a public hearing at Millbury High School.

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Editorial

Who's to Blame?

A disturbing pattern appears to be surfacing with respect to the Millbury Youth Center. Some members of the Millbury Youth Commission and the Youth Director have tried to place the blame for a myriad of problems at the center on the lack of parental involvement, on the lack of publicity, on too much publicity, on the selectmen, on the condition of the building, on a lack of community involvement...who or what is left to blame?

Recent comments by Commissioners and the Director at the Selectmen's meeting of January 8 were ill-considered and served as a continuation of an attempt to deny responsibility for anything but the good efforts of the youth who participate in the center's activities.

Take the comments of Commissioner Mary Clark who remarked that the no press coverage was given to an Easter Egg roll held last Spring. "We invited the press, they didn't come," she stated.

Now we can't speak for other area newspapers, but the *Millbury Sutton Chronicle* was contacted by Youth Commissioner Judy Taft and was told that the Youth Center was planning an egg roll. We in turn applauded the project and told Ms. Taft that we would be happy to make a contribution to purchase the eggs. We asked only that a representative of the Youth Center stop by the office with all the information so we could publicize the event. The *Chronicle* was never contacted again about this event, not by Ms. Taft, the Center Director, or any of the youths. We were never even provided with a press release and had no idea when the event was going to take place.

Take next the ill-considered comment by commissioner Lincoln Barton that "volunteerism is not alive and well in Millbury." Anyone who has children in the schools, visits the library, attends church, stops by a local ball game, drops in to the COA center, knows full well that not only is volunteerism alive and well in Millbury - it is flourishing. Perhaps the question should be asked, "Why is volunteerism not alive and well at the Youth Center?"

Commissioner Taft told the selectmen that problems relating to vandalism are not peculiar to the youth center but are also evident in the schools. When did vandalism in the schools become an excuse for vandalism at the Center? The public schools are required by law to put up with "the good, the bad and the ugly" up to the age of 16. The youth center is under no obligation to put up with nonsense from any youth at the Center - nor should they.

Ladies and gentlemen of the commission, you can't have it both ways. You want the public involved in the center and you want publicity to show all the good things that take place at the center. On the other hand, when something goes wrong, or wrongdoing is tied to the Center, you expect the press to look the

other way. The taxpayers of this community own the Youth Center and have every right to know what is taking place there, whether it is a dance or an act of vandalism.

Until and unless you accept responsibility for everything that takes place at the center, good or bad, the public will have no confidence in the ability of the commission to oversee the center.

Yes, there are problems at the center, yes more parents should become involved, but if half as much time had been spent in finding solutions to the problems as was spent in justifying them or trying to pretend they didn't exist, some solutions might have been found by now.

A.A.B.

Kudos to Millbury Officials

Residents of Millbury have every reason to swell with pride over the representation they received by Chairman of the Selectmen Jude Cristo, Fire Chief Thomas Nault, and Town Planner Dave Hulseberg at a public meeting held on January 11 to discuss Millbury's concerns over the proposed 146/Rt.20/MassPike interchange/connector. At this meeting were approximately 60 regional politicians and business leaders who ostensibly attended to give support to Millbury's grave concerns over the placement of the project, but who really came to patronizingly nudge Millbury into accepting a pathetic configuration which serves their interest at Millbury's expense - AGAIN!

A candid video presentation created by Dave Hulseberg outlined the town's concerns (the conclusions of a Rt.146 Study Committee) all of which were a reiteration of concerns Hulseberg previously expressed at a meeting with DPW officials in November. Selectman Jude Cristo then politely but forcefully explained that Millbury was displeased with the state's proposals which displace residents and businesses in Millbury while the continuation of the road in Worcester is configured to avoid the scope of the Millbury displacement in spite of the fact that the Worcester section is four times as long.

Cristo's comments were courteous and powerful amplifications of the town's concerns and carried a strong message that Millbury's best interests must be served. There is no question that his remarks disquieted those who believed that they can put anything in Millbury without serious opposition.

What followed was a stream of condescending bromide made by various politicians and Worcester and Blackstone Valley business leaders, the essence of which was that Millbury should silently allow the construction of the state's proposed road configuration - something which Millbury had no input in designing - because the interchange connector/project is vital to the economic recovery of Worcester and the Blackstone Valley. Added to this tripe was a warning that Millbury's appeal for "fair play and compensation" could torpedo the project and leave Worcester to wallow in its present state of embarrassing deterioration. This, I might add, was the consensus of the speakers, those self styled sages and visionaries from Worcester who have been overseers of its gradual disintegration.

To add insult to injury, Bruce Bennett, deputy publisher of the T&G, said that no one wants to see Millbury be the doormat to Worcester. Remember, these interchanges are at the site near the Upper Blackstone Sewage Treatment Facility in Millbury that processes all of Worcester's sewerage; down the street from the Millbury incinerator that burns all of Worcester's waste; and up the street from the former Worcester facility of Lewcott Chemical that Worcester politicians successfully chased out of Worcester only to dump in Millbury.

Fire Chief Nault effectively challenged the contention that everyone present was interested in what was best for Millbury. His comments sent a strong message that Millbury was not going to buy this equivocation and this empty rhetoric. Nault's comments put those in attendance on notice that Millbury was very much aware that cotton candy was being distributed.

If anyone failed to get the message, Cristo's closing remarks left no reason for doubt. He clearly and articulately stated that Millbury was not going to passively accept a road design that was going to displace residents, remove property

from the tax rolls, and thoughtlessly inconvenience and endanger residents along Rte. 146. His comments put those in attendance on notice: Worcester and the Blackstone Valley will not enjoy an economic boom at Millbury's expense.

Residents can take great pride in the knowledge that they have been represented by intelligent, articulate, and courageous officials who are prepared to stand up to anyone who wants to continue the exploitation of Millbury. When it's time to collect the laurels for a project well designed, Hulseberg, Cristo, and Nault will stand in the forefront.

A.G.B.

We The People...

Questions Appointment

To the Editor:

I am quite surprised and upset at the recent appointment of the baseball coaching position at Millbury High School. One thing I want to be made clear, I have nothing against Mr. Stepien, who was chosen. My concern is with Butch Flamand and why he was bypassed for this position. He has been in the program for the last four years and is very familiar with the players. Personally, I am very familiar with Mr. Flamand. He is a fine young man and a lifelong resident of Millbury. He is very knowledgeable about baseball. He coached senior little league, JV and served for three years as a voluntary varsity baseball assistant. He has regular season experience and playoff experience.

Mr. Flamand was highly recommended for this position by Robert Austin, the previous highly successful coach at the high school. I am sure a lot of Mr. Austin's baseball experience was passed on to Mr. Flamand.

Any person who would volunteer for three years to coach our high school athletes has much more than coaching in his goals. To me, this shows his love for the game as well as of the athletes. It's a shame the position was not given to a home-grown, well-liked young man, with an excellent knowledge of baseball.

In closing, I wish Mr. Flamand good luck. I know the kids and fans will all miss him. A concerned citizen and Woolie fan.

Connie Lucey
Millbury

A Grave Injustice

To the Editor:

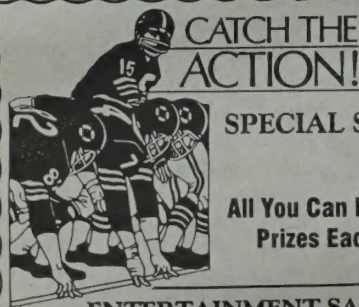
We would like to bring to light what we believe is a grave injustice that took place January 3 at the Millbury school committee meeting. Coach Butch Flamand, who has served as the assistant varsity baseball coach for the past five seasons, on a strictly voluntary basis, was supported at the meeting by coaches, parents, supporters of athletics and former players. He received a tremendous recommendation from outgoing coach Bob Austin, yet was not recommended by Millbury athletic director Dave Wilbur, and was subsequently not appointed by the school committee to be head varsity baseball coach for the 1991 season.

The position was given to an unknown to Millbury athletics, Doug Stepien, whose qualifications were one year of baseball coaching experience and five years of football coaching experience, all of which were performed outside of the Millbury system.

It was clearly evident that Coach Flamand should have been awarded the position based on his experience, the recommendation of the outgoing coach and former Millbury players, and the support of others.

Why would an athletic director who has held the job only for a few short months, who talks about keeping things in the system, who needs the support of the coaches in the system and dedicated Millbury parents and friends, recommend someone outside of the system with less qualifications than Flamand?

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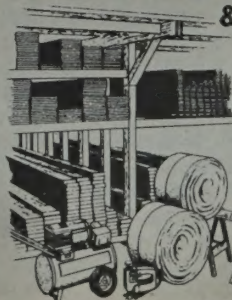
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Youth Commissioners Meet With Board

By Edward J. Cooney

MILLBURY - The January 8 Selectmen's Meeting convened at 7 p.m. Administrative Assistant Earl Chase reported that a 20.3% increase in water rates has been approved for Massachusetts American Water Company. He noted that the Millbury selectmen were the only municipal officials to act as interveners in contesting the rate increase. Cristo characterized the approval as a "sad state of affairs."

Licenses

Chase reported that the beer and wine license at George's Market has not been in force as the owner has not been selling beer and wine for some time. According to Chase, he does not have a big stick on hand and doesn't keep the freezer going. Chase said that failure to use a license can be cause for revocation. Lachance suggested the matter be tabled.

Chase also noted that the Ahahn Thai restaurant on Rte. 146 closed on December 31st and that the Clearview Country Club has not been issued a liquor license because it owes taxes to the town. He also said the process for taking the property for taxes is in progress.

Piano

The board met with representatives of the Council on Aging (COA), the Historical Society and the Historical Commission to discuss the status of a piano at the Asa Waters Mansion. The piano, which has historical significance, was left as a gift to the Historical Commission by the family of Cindy Bradway. Al Chambers, speaking for the COA, asked the

board to consider moving the piano to a safe storage area to allow for the use of the space for additional seating for lunches for the elderly. The Council also presented facts to show the increase in activity at the Mansion by the COA.

Both the Historical Society and the Historical Commission expressed concerns with the request as they felt placing the piano in storage may have a negative effect on future donations to the society.

The board agreed to consider the option of storing the piano and opted to take the COA's request under advisement.

Later in the meeting, Historical Commission spokeswoman Cindy Burr suggested a compromise that would include the commission allowing the piano to be stored in their room in exchange for other work needing to be done, including the installation of blue stone and cleaning of the rug in the Historical Society room. The board agreed to the compromise.

Cristo noted during the discussion that the town would have to look at a plan to rehabilitate the old Center School to allow for moving the COA over there which would allow for better use of the mansion.

Youth Center

At 8 p.m. the board met with members of the Youth Commission and Youth Center Director Penny Downs to discuss programs and concerns the board has relative to the physical condition of the areas of the Center School used by the youth center.

Commission member Judy Taft first presented a letter to the board, asking that they replace two members on the board, Richard Lamontagne and Mary Lampron, who have opted not to accept reappointment to new terms.

Cristo then asked for an update on programs at the center. Taft said that Downs is developing monthly activities such as a movie, pool table competition, and discussion groups. Downs said graduate students are being considered for leading the discussion groups.

Cristo suggested possible counseling activities as well as job placement for youths.

Taft said the Parks Department is being asked to assist in setting up basketball and volleyball at the center. She also said it would require additional monies to develop counseling programs.

Cristo said that those types of activities could come before the board as a proposal for their consideration.

Taft said the Youth Commission sees the center as a community type center with the possibility of having a pool in the rear of the building with use of the facility by the whole community.

Cristo acknowledged that the site is in a key location and said consideration is being given to a total rehabilitation of the building with possible use by the COA, the Youth Center, and the use of the 3rd floor for office rental space.

Downs asked if it was possible that the Youth Center would be pushed out and if there was a commitment from the Board of Selectmen to the center as well as to the COA.

Cristo said there was a commitment, with anticipated input from each group if the building is rehabilitated to meet their different needs.

Taft said that part of the building has been shut off as there are not enough monitors to supervise more than the two rooms now in use, the pool room and the TV room. There are monitors in each of those rooms all night, Taft said.

Cristo asked if it was possible to enact a contract with the kids.

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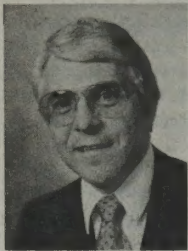
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Taft said the commissioners have found that kids come to the center because they do not have the same restrictions placed on them as they do at home and at school. "They act out," she said. "They should not act out, and it doesn't help them by allowing it. It bothers me and the rest of the Commission."

Commission member Mary Clark said that the youth sign a paper if they have destroyed something and are then required to do community work around the center for a month. If they do not perform the community work they are not allowed back into the Center.

Director Penny Downs said attempts are being made to change the "anything goes" attitude of the kids. She also said that more supervisors and parental involvement will be required to ensure that no further vandalism occurs.

Commission member Lincoln Barton said there has not been enough supervision at the Center. According to Barton, the commissioners have heard out on the street and from the board, "and rightly so," Barton said, "that this is not a place to send your kid. We have turned that right around and said, 'Okay, come in and help us.' All we get is a blank stare. Volunteerism is not alive and well in Millbury," Barton maintained.

Cristo raised concerns relating to vandalism if the facility is rehabilitated.

Taft said that it could be said that in the schools there are full time janitors running around cleaning up after kids. "It is not just a youth center problem," she said.

Cristo asked the commission to provide the board with policies, rules and procedures, as well as proposals for future programs. He also said the board is looking for the center to become more than just a recreational facility.

Brian Buteau, an assistant to Downs, suggested the idea of kids signing a contract may work but he said they may not take it seriously. He noted in the past two or three months kids have been thrown out for disrespect, damaging things, and breaking the rules. "They are learning we mean business," he said. "If we can get parents to pay for any damage that might be done, that will get the message across to the youth."

Gauthier asked for an average number of youth who use the Center.

Downs noted that a sign-in sheet is now in use based upon the recommendation of Police Chief Ron Stokowski. She said the average is about 30 youth.

Taft said that some come in, hang around, and then leave and later come back to the center.

Barton said some make the rounds in town.

Downs told the board that they could do a lot in a positive way, stating that comments that were made and got in the papers dragged the place down, especially when the board's concerns were not discussed with the commission.

Cristo said the commissioners were doing a good job under difficult circumstances. "We appreciate what you are doing," he said. "Maybe we should meet more. If you have any proposals, bring them in."

Taft said the commissioners would rather discuss issues with the board rather than read about their concerns in the papers.

Barton referred to the matter concerning the cemetery vandalism. "You heard it, we heard it, immediately the youth center is at fault. It just so happens that at that same night there was a dance at the high school. They did not get any blame."

"You're the new kid on the block," Cristo said.

"If there are concerns about the youth center not being a nice place, let them come down and help us out. We will welcome them," Barton said.

Commissioner Mary Clark said there are positive things the youth have been involved in such as the Easter egg hunt. "You did not know it, no one knew it. There was no press there. We invited the press, they didn't come (see Editorial on Page 2). We need the support of the community. We need the support of the selectmen when good things happen."

Selectman Gerry Bleau said that because of the condition and appearance of some of the furniture at the

center, the center suffers from an image problem.

Taft said that getting rid of the damaged furniture would help.

Commission member Terry O'Brien said that kids have observed the section of the building that a church group uses and have expressed some jealousy because the church group has fixed up their area which now is attractive.

Bleau said some consideration might be given to raise funds to put more durable furniture in the center.

Taft remarked that \$200 will be spent on re-felting the pool table, "but the commission does not want to spend money for nothing," she said.

Cristo said the board is looking to keep the Youth Center going as long as there are still people interested in helping out like those already involved.

"Sometimes what you read in the papers makes you wonder," Taft said.

Connector Project

Representative Paul Kollios (D-Millbury) asked the board for their thoughts on the 146 connector project. "I look forward to the day when it gets underway and is finally completed," he said.

Kollios said the connector is one of the few projects in the state that is still on go. Over 1.5 million has been committed to that project for consulting, engineering and design.

"If it is not a go for us," Kollios said, "we have got to stop it right now. Keep this in mind. It's not only a project done right here in Millbury but it also goes all the way into Brosnihan Square. I have a feeling that if any part of the project fractures, the whole project will fall through."

Kollios maintained that many of the concerns of the Millbury Rte. 146 Task Force Study Committee are being addressed and said they would be ready before or by January 11, prior to a meeting to be held on the 11th with all principals concerned in the project.

He said that Fire Chief Tom Nault's concerns with hazards relating to an increase in tanker and truck traffic would be addressed by seeking funds to retrofit a fire truck with foam equipment.

"This board supports the concept," Cristo said. "Our primary responsibility is to the town of Millbury. We don't feel we can support a project that will have an adverse effect on this community. I don't believe this board approves the proposals that are on the table."

Cristo said the board is looking at alternatives to the state's proposals, especially those brought forth by the study committee. "We can support the project as we realize the significance of it. But we can't support it if it is at our expense," he said.

Kollios asked if that means the board is opposed to the project.

"We support the concept," Cristo replied, "but not the project as it is presently being proposed."

Kollios again asked if the board will be opposed to the project if the state does not accept the new alternate route the study committee has proposed.

"I'm not saying that," Cristo reiterated. "We have expressed our concerns in the past to the State DPW. It seems like we continue to tell them what our concerns are, but they don't want to hear it. They are not listening. We constantly hear that our concerns are just being heard now. We've been discussing this all along. I don't know why we are not getting through to them."

"I don't know what to say," Kollios remarked. "When was the alternate route on the West side of 146 offered?"

Town Planner Dave Hulseberg noted that the alternate route was brought up during the public hearing process. "The state told us it was too expensive to do," he said. "It would cost too much and take too much time. If you look at it," Hulseberg explained, "we are going to have a limited access highway from Brosnihan Square to the Millbury-Worcester town line; then you will have a road with access by curb cuts down to Boston Road in Sutton; then it will return to a limited access road again."

Cristo concurred, noting that the congested area of traffic along the stretch of road from Rte. 122A to Worcester

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Sadowsky replied that the state study reflects the number of trucks now using the highway but not the specific cargo nor how many trips could be expected in the future. "That type of information is not typically used in these types of studies," he said.

Nault noted that all trucks using Rte. 146 are placarded as required by the Department of Transportation and their cargoes could be identified by an on site study. He also noted that the Petroleum Carriers Institute could provide the state with that information.

Nault then mentioned the proposed cul-de-sac north of the Rte. 20/146 ramp. "I'd like to hear more of a response that is concrete for dealing with emergency access for that area," he said.

Sadowsky replied that a detailed plan hasn't been developed as yet, "but I feel we can work that out," he said.

Cristo said it was his hope that the consultants would look at the proposal for building a parallel Rte. 146 west of the existing 146 to relieve the potential for an hour glass effect in Millbury as mentioned by Hulseberg. "It is an alternative that we believe has not been looked at seriously," he said.

Project Manager Tom Hession said restudying the area could cause a delay of six months in the project.

"We all want to get this project built," Cristo replied. "but we want it built the right way."

Selectman Gerry Bleau noted that the quality of life for people in the affected

area, including Greenwood Street and Park Hill, has to be addressed. He also said there is no desire to see either of the alternatives as presently proposed.

Sadowsky said the proposed highway design is far safer than the existing roadway. "There is no question that studies show traffic on Greenwood Street will drop as a result of the design," he said. "It will encourage people not to use Park Hill as well."

Cristo disagreed that there would be a drop in traffic on those streets but said that issue could be debated all night.

William Short, president of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, said the project offers an ideal opportunity for industrial growth away from residential areas. "This is all an example of what happens when we all work together," he said. "We don't want to go into time delay which would cause a problem with funding." Short said everyone is sympathetic to Millbury and the concerns of the Blackstone Valley, but added, "We have to work within constraints."

Bruce Bennett, deputy publisher of the T&G, said that Millbury is geographically placed to be the front door of Worcester. "What we want to do is work together to have it be the front door and not the doormat," he said. "No one in Worcester is suggesting that. We will be building the intersection for the quality of life for all of us and not do it at the expense of your (Millbury's) quality of life." Bennett remarked that area legislators are forming a bi-partisan delegation to work on issues for the region.

Dr. Steve Rice, president of the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce, said the interchange would have an affect on

development in the Blackstone Valley. "As a local businessman," he said, "I would like to see Millbury achieve some of the goals related to the concerns that they have."

Millbury resident Dave Grenon said he thought the interchange would afford the town a "window of opportunity." "We are on the cutting edge of having some real economic development," he said.

State Senator Matthew Amorello said he supported the concept wholeheartedly and said his office would offer to mediate any issues and concerns.

Fire Chief Nault, in response to comments made by Bennett that Millbury would not be a doormat to Worcester, said history shows that Worcester's interests have always come first in the past. He gave as example Exit 11 of the Massachusetts Turnpike, which is located in East Millbury. "Whose interest was being served when they put Exit 11 in," he asked. "You can either go to Wyman Gordon's or Mrs. Mack's Bakery."

Alexander Belisle, publisher of the Millbury-Sutton Chronicle, said he has heard how this project is paramount to the revitalization of Worcester and the Blackstone Valley. "We have heard Mr. Bennett say we should not be the doormat to Worcester," he said, "but all you have to do is take a look at the map." Belisle then pointed out the Rte. 20 sewerage treatment plant, which he called

"Worcester's toilet" and the incinerator on Rte. 20 which burns Worcester's trash. "And now we are going to have Worcester's bunkers," he said, referring to the interchange/connectors.

"We are the host community," Belisle continued. "What is Millbury getting out of all this?" Referring to Bennett's mention of the T&G's Visions 2000 project, which targets the interchange as one of three major issues facing the region, Belisle said it might more aptly be called, "Illusions 2000."

"We are told that we (the Town of Millbury) shouldn't hold this project up," Belisle said. "It's in our backyard. It's too bad if we have a six month delay. It's too bad if it's going to cost a little more money. It's right here in Millbury; it's not in Worcester. Everybody says they are very much concerned and very much in support of our concerns, but I don't hear anyone saying, okay, let's hold the project up and look at them."

Cristo concluded the discussion by noting that everyone is now aware of Millbury concerns. "Hopefully," he said, "in the spirit of cooperation we can work together so this project can be put together in such a way that we will end up with a first rate roadway and," he said, pointing to the map on the wall behind him, "not the substandard road proposed that's shown behind me."

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Quilting: Join the fun and learn how to quilt. By the end of the course, it is hoped that each student will have completed their quilt. The instructor will be Christine Papazian. 10 weeks. Tuition \$45. Plus cost for supplies. "Wednesdays" 7 to 10 p.m.

STAINED GLASS: Comprehensive stained glass course with emphasis on professional techniques. Students will be individually instructed in proper technique, design and structure. Students of all experience levels can be accommodated because limited class size allows for individual instruction. Tuition \$60 plus cost of supplies. Instructor: Karyn Samuels. 10 weeks. Thursdays, 10 weeks.

TENNIS: This course will be for adults only. There will be a session for beginners which will emphasize only the basic skills. The second session will be for intermediates, those who have already completed the basic skills. Session I: Beginners "6 to 7 p.m." Session II: Intermediates "7:30 to 9 p.m." Tuesdays and Thursdays. 5 weeks. Instructor: Bob Kaufman. Starring date: April 8th, weather permitting. Tuition \$30. You'll be notified by phone.

FURNITURE MAKING: Whether you are a novice or experienced in woodworking, this course is designed to provide you with the information and guidance from Jim Carr, who is an instructor in wood and carpentry at GHS. Wednesdays "6 weeks" 7 to 10 p.m. Tuition \$45 plus cost of supplies.

RAMBLIN' WITH RIP: This is a landscaping course which will consist of a series of slide presentations featuring tours of six prestigious gardens including the DuPont Longwood Gardens, Brookside Gardens of Washington, DC, Plant Sculptures of Ladue, Topony Gardens and the Adams Thoroughbred House. Emphasis on water gardens, ground covers, etc. Tuition \$40. Instructor: Rip Sokol. Thursdays "6 weeks" 7:30.

LEARN TO DRAW: Drawing is an enjoyable pursuit that can be learned by almost everybody. Working primarily from real objects, we will study the world around us. Areas to be considered include perspective, proportion, tonal relationships, how to handle different drawing materials, etc. Wednesdays "7:30 to 9 p.m." Instructor: Ella Delavens, Grafton resident and instructor at the Worcester Art Museum. Tuition \$42. Plus supplies "10 weeks."

MAINTENANCE & REPAIR FOR THE HOMEOWNER: Lady's Night Out - even gentlemen are welcomed if you have you been promising yourself to take a course in home repair and maintenance. You want to be your own Mr. Fix It, repairing that leaky faucet, unblocking a drain or re-wiring an old lamp, well this is the course for you. Instructor: Ron Warwick. "10 weeks" Tuesdays, 7:30-9:30. Tuition \$35.

PERENNIAL GARDENS: The owner of Sever River Perennial Gardens in North Grafton will present a three week course covering the design and care of perennial gardens. Denise teaches not only a very enjoyable course but a very informative one. She covers the basics to specialty gardens such as rock, scented, hummingbird, moon and water gardens. She can help you to create a personalized layout of your home. Instructor: Denise Worden. Thursdays. Beginning February 14th "3 weeks" 7:30 p.m. Tuition \$25.

PHOTOGRAPHY: Sue Hanam is prepared to work with you at an introductory or advanced level. The idea is to become familiar with the versatility of your camera and to share in the guidance and critique that will make your photography more enjoyable and the quality of your work more predictable. This is not a darkroom course although there is one available. If enough students are interested the course will be extended. 5 weeks. Tuition \$35. Wednesdays "7 to 9:30 p.m."

ASTROLOGY, PALMISTRY AND TAROT: This is a six week introductory course to learn about these ancient tools for consciousness expansion and self discovery and find new ways to look at yourself and others. Historic overviews, simple explanations, easy techniques, fun discoveries will be offered. Tasha Halpern has been teaching astrology, palmistry, tarot, yoga and meditation for over 20 years. She is the co-author with her husband Stephen of *Four Psychic Gifts: The Review of Inner & Outer*. Instructor: Tasha Halpern. "Tuesdays" 7:30 p.m. 6 weeks. Tuition \$35.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR HOME'S ELECTRICAL SYSTEM: This course is designed for current or prospective home or condo owners. We'll explore wiring from the street (utility company lines) through the nerve center of your home's wiring system (the main electrical service) up to the lights, switches and outlets. We'll also discuss the latest electrical safety, energy conservation and home security devices. We'll consider situations that call for minor repairs, a new circuit or a service upgrade. Other topics covered will be determined by the interests of the group. Slides will be shown, handouts will be distributed. Instructor: Mur Wolf, Master Electrician/Electrical Instructor. 5 weeks. Wednesdays "7:30 p.m." Tuition \$30.

MIND POWER: An Introduction to Positive Thinking and ESP. This introductory course will emphasize meditation for stress reduction, visualization for healing, affirmations for personal achievement, and development of intuitive skills. Stephen Halpern has been writing for over thirty years. A teacher of meditation and psychic development, he frequently appears as a radio psychic on WSET in Brockton. Instructor: Stephen Halpern. "6 weeks" Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m., Tuition \$35.

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On The Shelf

By Rosemary Waltons



This January, as with every January before, we take the time to review the past year. Below is a summary of the Millbury Public Library's "Year in Review."

The library's goal is to enhance and enrich the quality of life for adults, young adults and children in the Millbury community. The library does this with a collection of materials and services that are responsive to information needs and popular reading, listening and viewing tastes of the community. The library is further committed to providing materials and services to support the academic studies of Millbury students, particularly those in grades one through 12. The library subscribes to the concept of freedom of information. It also maintains a spirit of cooperation with the Central Massachusetts Regional Library System and other institutions in efforts to make library and information services available.

Each year the library makes every effort to seek grant funds and monies from private sources. Despite the current difficult economic climate, additional outside funding was brought in the library in the amount of \$11,662.

In 1990, the library formed the Millbury Public Library Endowment Steering Committee as a first step in the process of encouraging the donation of private funds to the library. Private funding is intended for the purpose of enhancing, enriching, and supplementing the funds available for the materials collection of the library.

One of the library's most dramatic events in 1990 was the completion of its automation project. In March, all library circulation records and transactions were computerized. In July, we closed the time worn card catalog and replaced it with a computerized version of its contents.

- COLLECTION - the library has 63 different types of materials in its collection, from adult and children's fiction and nonfiction books to filmstrips, videotapes, computer software, and more. In 1990, 1,685 items were added to the total collection.

- CIRCULATION - 67,318 items were checked out in 1990. From 1986 to 1990 circulation has increased 34%. For the second year in a row, young adult (grade six and up) reading increased, by 30% over 1989.

- REFERENCE SERVICES - Library staff fielded 11,120 questions during the year.

- INTERLIBRARY LOAN SERVICES - 364 interlibrary loan requests were processed with an 80% fill rate.

- LIBRARY CARD REGISTRATION - The library is currently in the process of issuing barcoded library cards to all borrowers. 3,648 computer cards have been issued since March, 1990.

- PROGRAMMING - the library held 123 programs in 1990; 110 for children. The total attendance to library programs was 2,523 children and 155 adults/young adults. Additional funds for programs came from the Millbury Arts Council, Massachusetts Arts Lottery and the Friends of the Millbury Public Library. Many local businesses and organizations also contributed both money and goods in the area of children's programs. The library is fortunate to have the creative assistance of JoAnne Dunn in the area of planning and conducting children's programs and the help of many, many young volunteers in putting on programs and decorating the children's room.

- COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES CENTER - During 1990, cub scouts, soccer teams, business people, nonprofit agencies, adult basic education tutors, all used our meeting room.

In closing, the library thanks all the many people that have supported us in 1990. A special thanks to the library's many volunteers, including Notre Dame Academy student Cheryl Bernier, the Friends of the Millbury Public Library and the businesses, organizations and individuals that have given so generously to us. We also extend our thanks to Millbury's Selectmen, town officials, department heads and their staff for their efforts on behalf of the library.

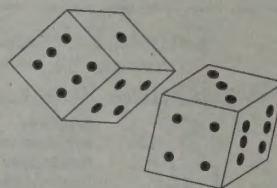
Wagon Train Coming January 19

SUTTON - January 19, from 10 a.m. to noon will see a draft-horse lovers paradise between Darling Lane and Waters Road. A wagon train being organized by Ralph "Bud" Gurney and the Waters Farm Preservation Society hopes to raise funds to help rebuild a historic barn on a new foundation.

Seven teams of horses will move the timbers and lumber of the dismantled building from the Manchaug section of Sutton to its future home at the historic Waters Farm five miles away. One four-horse hitch will be a feature along with the four or five two-horse hitches supplied by draft-horse enthusiasts from Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island.

The route will follow Main Street to Manchaug Road to Central Turnpike, making a U-turn into Douglas Road to Waters Road and the farm. The public can view the wagon train at any wide spot along the route. Due to the amount of horse trailers and trucks utilized to transport the animals, parking at the Farm will be very limited and viewing along the route is highly encouraged.

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will only occur in Millbury. "We are only going to build this roadway once," he said. "It should be done right. If it costs more money than is appropriated then that's the way it should be done. It should be done right. We will be looking for that support this Friday for a limited access road."

Kollios said the alternate route would involve wetlands and the federal government which would create delays in the project.

"I would rather see a delay than have something substandard," Cristo argued.

Kollios said he agreed with what Cristo was saying as long as it can be done without too much delay or without too much extra cost. He then said that "citizens" have told him they want the interchange. He also said he has heard positive remarks in other communities. He then questioned why he is not hearing positive remarks here. "I'm just asking what the position is of the Board of Selectmen and the other leaders in town. Should I stop? Should I block the whole thing?" he asked.

Cristo replied, "We are not at that point yet. I think after Friday we will know.

Kollios then said, "I've heard from some town officials that a lot of people are opposed. Who are these people?" he asked. "If there are a lot, then I'm going to get on their side."

Blau noted that residents in the Greenwood Street, Martin Street and Park Hill Avenue area are opposed to the project because it will bring added traffic. "Those streets can't handle the traffic. The proposal does not take care of that, to my knowledge. Why they stopped the limited access road at the Worcester line boggles the imagination," he said.

Cristo said that hopefully something can get accomplished at Friday's meeting.

Bridges

Lachance then asked Kollios if anything is going to be done soon in relation to the bridges on 146. He noted that in all of the 10 years he has been on the board he has not received as many telephone calls as he has concerning the truck and tanker traffic coming through the center of town because of the weight limit posting of the bridges.

Kollios said it was a "time factor" as to when the state will repair the bridges.

Miscellaneous

Under old business, the board accepted the resignation of Leonard Lawson as Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Chase reported that the Treasurer is asking for advice from the board on a request from Raymond Bartczak to purchase 12,000 sq. ft. of land taken by the town for taxes some time ago. Lachance noted that there is not a clear title to the land. The board told Chase to investigate the matter further.

Preschool Openings

MILLBURY - The Integrated Preschool Class at the Elmwood Street School is now accepting applications for the remainder of this school year. Children who are three, four or five years of age and are residents of Millbury are eligible to apply. There is no cost for this program as funding is provided through a Special Education Early Childhood Grant. Parents must transport their child to and from the preschool program which meets on Tuesday and Thursday from 9-11:30 a.m.

Approximately seven children will be selected on a lottery basis from among those who apply. Applications will be accepted through Friday, January 18.

The class is a mixture of special needs children and non-special needs children. Instruction is offered in a variety of areas including: language, fine motor, socialization and daily living skills. Special activities such as cooking and holiday parties are planned. Active parent involvement is encouraged. If you would like additional information or you would like to file an application for your child to be considered, call Linda Oroszko, School Psychologist, at 865-3541.

Annual Town Election Coming in April

SUTTON - Voters in the Annual Town Election on April 27 will be asked to fill the following positions: **MODERATOR**, 3 year term (currently filled by incumbent Ronald Pierpont); **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**, two three-year terms (currently filled by incumbents Mary K. Connor and Richard A. LaBonte); **SCHOOL COMMITTEE**, two 3-year terms (currently filled by incumbents Andrew Smith and Suzanne Home); **PLANNING BOARD**, one 3-year term (currently held by incumbent Denise Harrison); **LIBRARY TRUSTEE** one 3-year term (currently

held by Beverly Anderson); **HOUSING AUTHORITY**, one 5-year term, currently held by Janet Stockhaus; **CEMETERY COMMISSION**, one 3-year term currently held by incumbent William Guertin; **RECREATION COMMISSION**, one 3-year term (currently held by Marilyn McLeod).

Nomination papers may be picked up at the town Clerk's Office Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Tuesday evening, 7-9 p.m.

School Lunch Menus

Week of January 21-25

MILLBURY JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOL

MONDAY: Martin Luther King
TUESDAY: Steak Grinder (with cheese), French Fries, Green Beans, Pears
WEDNESDAY: Turkey Syrian Sandwich, Lettuce & Tomato, French Fries, Fruit
THURSDAY: Taco, Lettuce & Tomato, French Fries, Wax Beans, Pudding
FRIDAY: Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza, French Fries, Tossed Salad

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

MONDAY: Martin Luther King Day
TUESDAY: Hot Dog on a Roll, French Fries, Corn, Pudding
WEDNESDAY: Juice, Soup of the Day, Submarine Sandwich, Potato Chips, Fruit
THURSDAY: Juice, American Chop Suey, Green Beans, Garlic Bread, Cookie
FRIDAY: Juice, Pizza, Tossed Salad, Rice Krispy Square

Sealer of Weights and Measures

MILLBURY - The Board of Selectmen is soliciting candidates for the position of Sealer of Weights and Measures for the Town of Millbury. Anyone interested, call the selectmen's office at 865-4710, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Devoe Taylor Post

MILLBURY - A meeting of Devoe Taylor Post #9 American Legion will be held Monday, January 21, at 7:30 p.m. at the Asa Waters Mansion. Stuart Mulhane, commander, will preside. Members are requested to attend.

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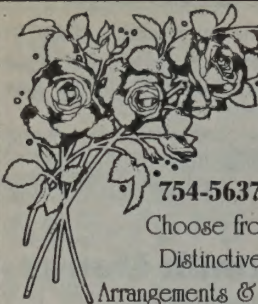
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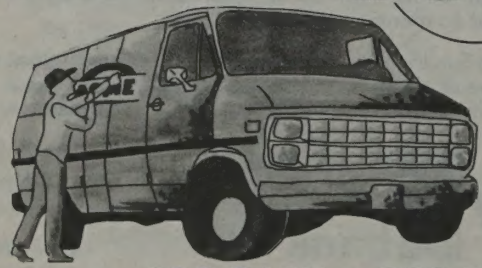
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And why would Mr. Marble, Mr. Pease, and Mr. Hanratty choose to rubber stamp the decision by saying it's the athletic director's job and we don't know the candidates, despite the recommendations, (and) a letter sent to school committee members prior to the meeting, recommending Flamand.

This to us is a clear indication of these school committee members not doing their elected duty and making an evaluation based on the facts that are available, even though the athletic director told the committee that he had lost sleep over the decision, and in our view was asking the committee to help him make the decision.

We believe it to be our duty as former coaches at Millbury High and supporters of the athletic program to bring this situation to the attention of all townspeople so that they may call or write to the appropriate people regarding their displeasure with this injustice and demand answers.

The whole incident stinks and reeks of personal favoritism, conflict of interest, and non ability of some school committee members to do their elected duty and take a stand. Why would anyone who has aspirations of working his way up through the coaching ranks now even think about dedicating his time and effort toward that goal when this is clear evidence of what the final reward will be? Unfortunately the ones that will suffer are those Millbury children who will not have the opportunity again to play for Coach Flamand.

Arthur M. Corey, Joseph D. Bott, Dennis J. Pil
 Peter F. Balcius, Gregory D. Pojani

Calendar

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18

SUTTON - Surplus food will be distributed to Sutton residents by the Sutton Council on Aging from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Recipients must show proof of income eligibility.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

SUTTON - The annual Ice Harvesting program of Waters Farm will be held from 9-2 at the Farm on Waters Road, West Sutton.

MONDAY, JANUARY 21

MILLBURY - A meeting of Devoe Taylor Post #9 American Legion will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Asa Waters Mansion.

Ham & Bean Supper

MANCHAUG - St. Anne's Parish, Main Street, will hold a Ham and Bean Supper on Saturday, January 19, from 4-7 p.m. Tickets are \$4.50 for adults and \$2.25 for children under 12. A raffle and penny social will be held in conjunction with the supper.

Soliciting Volunteers

MILLBURY - The Board of Selectmen is soliciting volunteers to serve on the Town's Youth Commission. If anyone is interested, contact the Selectmen's office at 8675-4710, Monday through Friday, 9-4.

Prayer Service

SUTTON - An Ecumenical Prayer Service celebrating the annual week of prayer for Christian Unity will be held at the Millbury Baptist Church, January 20, at 6 p.m. The Rev. Richard Hennigar of the Worcester Ecumenical Council of Churches will be guest speaker. A united choir of churches in the Millbury/Sutton area will sing. The Rev. Raeburn Cameron will be host minister. Charles King will be the organist. A free will offering will be taken. Refreshments will be served following the service.

Teacher Award Presentation

MILLBURY - The seventh annual Charles F. Minney Outstanding Teachers Award Presentations and dinner will take place on Saturday, January 19, at Post Quarters. A social hour will be held at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner. Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased by contacting the Post. Awards will be presented to three Millbury and two Blackstone Valley teachers who were chosen as dedicated outstanding educators.

Second Half of Bowling Season

Pat Gaspar rolled the high triple, a 302 with strings of 109-106-87, as the second half of the Women's Bowling League season began. Second high was a 293 rolled by Gloria Chichy, with strings of 93-110-90. She also rolled a 110 for high single. Sharing third high, a 292, were Mary Jo Boire and Becky Rushton. Mary Jo rolled strings of 98-94-100; Becky, 94-104-94.

Fourteen rolled 100 and over: Pat Gaspar, 109-106; Ellie Sulham, 100-100; Gloria Chichy, 110; Bridget Grenier, 107; Aggie Boire, 105; Gail Higginbottom, 104; Becky Rushton, 104; Ellen Bouvier, 103; Charlotte Gabree, 102; Doris Collette, 101; Bobbee Bernard, 101; Dot Jacques, 101; Kathy Marble, 101; Mary Jo Boire, 100.

Team Standings	Won	Lost	Top 10 Bowlers
BMW's	8	0	Pat Gaspar 104.5
MG's	6	2	Becky Rushton - 98.9
JAGS	6	2	Gail Higginbottom 97.5
PINTOS	2	6	Charlotte Gabree 96.6
TBIRDS	2	6	Ann Coons 96.2
ROLLS	0	8	Kathy Marble 94.1
			Ellie Sulham 93.1
			Ellie Gosselin 91.8
			Ellen Bouvier 91.6
			Gloria Chichy 91.1
			High Average
			Pat Gaspar - 104.5
			Becky Rushton - 98.9
			Gail Higginbottom - 97.5

Pack 243

SUTTON - On December 21, Sutton Cub Scout Pack 243 held its Christmas meeting. The following awards were presented: Webelos Compass Point Emblems to Jason Petrie, Matthew Carlson and Joshua Suhl. Webelos Activity Badges went to: Joshua Suhl, Readyman; Matthew Blanchard, Artist and Fitness; Tim Carter, Artist; Allen DeVincent, Naturalist; Paul Henrickson, Family, Fitness and Outdoorsman; Chris Wilke, Fitness, Handyman; Marc Vigeant, Fitness.

Eric Jones received a Sports Pin and a Belt Loop for Gymnastics. Kevin Blanchard received a Belt Loop for Marbles. Matthew Blanchard received a Swimming Belt Loop.

All cubs and Tigers received their Pinewood Derby Car Kit to prepare for "the races" in January. The Wolf Dens entertained with their version of "The Night Before Christmas."

Open Burning Permits

MILLBURY - Open Burning Permits may be purchased at Fire Headquarters, Elm Street, Saturdays only, beginning Saturday, January 12, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Hearings Held on Liquor Law Violations

By Lawrence Moore

SUTTON - The January 8 Selectmen's meeting was opened by Chairwoman Mary K. Connor with Selectmen Johnson, Chizy, LaBonte, Strieby and Town Administrator Blois present.

Miscellaneous

Blois reported that the Sealer of Weights and Measures, Leonard Lawson, has resigned. He said he will determine if he has resigned in Millbury as well.

A problem with the placement of hay bales at Deer Park Estates was resolved by the institution of a bond by the Planning Board on request of the Earth Removal Board. The hay bales are in place.

A Boy Scout "bottle and can bin" fundraiser effort is in place at the landfill.

Administrator's Update

Blois reported that Town funds were deposited in Flagship Bank, backed by U.S. Treasury notes. A small amount is in Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company and is insured by FDIC.

The first half of the Cherry Sheet allocation of approximately 1.2 million was received as expected on December 31.

In response to criticism about landfill hours, Connor questioned the possibility of some change. Blois had discussed the problem with Highway Superintendent Ray Smith and summarized his comments by saying "no matter how you extend or change the hours there will be some people you'll be unable to serve."

It was decided to make no change.

Public Hearings

A public hearing on alleged liquor law violations at the Blue Jay Restaurant was held. Violations of the liquor laws were reported by the Police on November 24, September 22 and Aug 31st.

Police Chief William Baker began by saying "I have no reason in the world to think that this licensee, Cris Economou, intended to violate the local liquor license laws.

I don't think any of these acts were intentional by either him or his employees. It certainly is not my intention to embarrass him or create any undue hardship on him or his business. The Police Department has an obligation to bring these matters before you (the Selectmen) as the licensing authority."

Chief Baker read the Police reports on the three incidents, which include both visual and breath-a-lizer evidence of intoxication, and lock-up and hospitalization consequences.

Attorney Richard Rafferty, representing one of the individuals, questioned the Police assertion that one of the persons was intoxicated since hospital records, which had been subpoenaed, were not (and would not be) available.

"I want to make sure that we understand we're here to talk about things that involve the licensee, not the status of customers," Connor said.

Economou told of the difficulty the bartender had in selling to an apparently sober person who shared his pitcher with companions who might be drunk. In another case, the bartender shift changed and one did not inform the other of the status of the customers. When the bartender became aware of the condition of the customer, the police were called. Economou told of his refusal to serve patrons. "One thing I want to tell you, I'm against the drunk people and I try to keep the place clean," he said.

Chief Baker said, "It is not necessary to prove or to allege that the bars served these people and got them drunk. The statute relates to serving intoxicated people, and the difficult thing for the licensee is, there are going to be times when patrons come to his bar and he is unable to determine the patron's condition. However, it is a violation if an intoxicated person is served, and that is what the licensee has to be concerned about."

Connor brought up the availability of training for bartenders. Economou said he had discussed training with the Chief, but in view of slow business, hadn't begun the program.

John Economou related that after cutting off a patron, he called the Police when the patron became a problem. "I could have handled it myself, but I wanted to do

it the way I thought the Chief would want it," he said. He related several instances of difficulty in determining intoxication.

Selectman Mike Chizy said he was concerned about the training of bartenders. "I realize they can't be experts," he said, "but they should have a good grasp of the law and realize what they can and cannot do. As the licensing authority, any accident that happens after something like this, we are at risk."

After the Chief and Rafferty became entangled in a discussion, Johnson said, "I don't want to listen to this. I've had it. With all respect to the Chief and to Mr. Rafferty, please don't underestimate our intelligence. We understand what goes on in bars, and the problems an owner has."

Connor summed up by complimenting Economou on his operation, but reasserting the obligation the Police and Selectmen have to make all people realize the dangers of alcohol problems.

A public hearing was then held on the Manchaug American Legion Post violations alleged to have occurred on November 10 and 30.

Selectman Dave Strieby brought up a procedural question about his American Legion membership. Labonte replied, "if there is a conflict, there is only one person on the Board who is not." Blois felt there was no problem, and Rafferty waived any future claims of conflict.

The Chief read the complaint of November 10. The burglar alarm at the Post brought Police who found a patron on the floor of the men's room. On November 30, two patrons were found by the Police in a car in the Post parking lot with bottles they said were from the bar. In both incidents the patrons appeared drunk.

When Rafferty, representing the Post, attempted to rebut the Police report, Blois and Connor questioned his approach.

"You explain to me how I'm supposed to rebut without asking questions, and I will do it that way," Rafferty countered.

After a pause, Connor said, "You're the one who went to law school." Rafferty and the Chief again became involved in a discussion, with the Chief answering questions. A heated exchange between Connor and Rafferty culminated in Connor saying to him, "You are out of order."

Rafferty replied, "Any testimony you don't want to hear is out of order."

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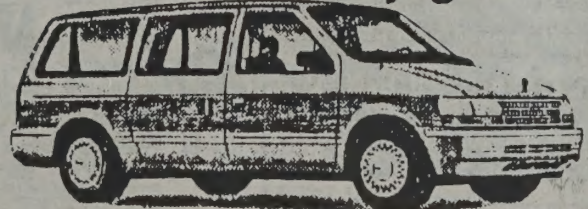
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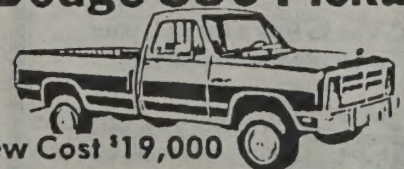
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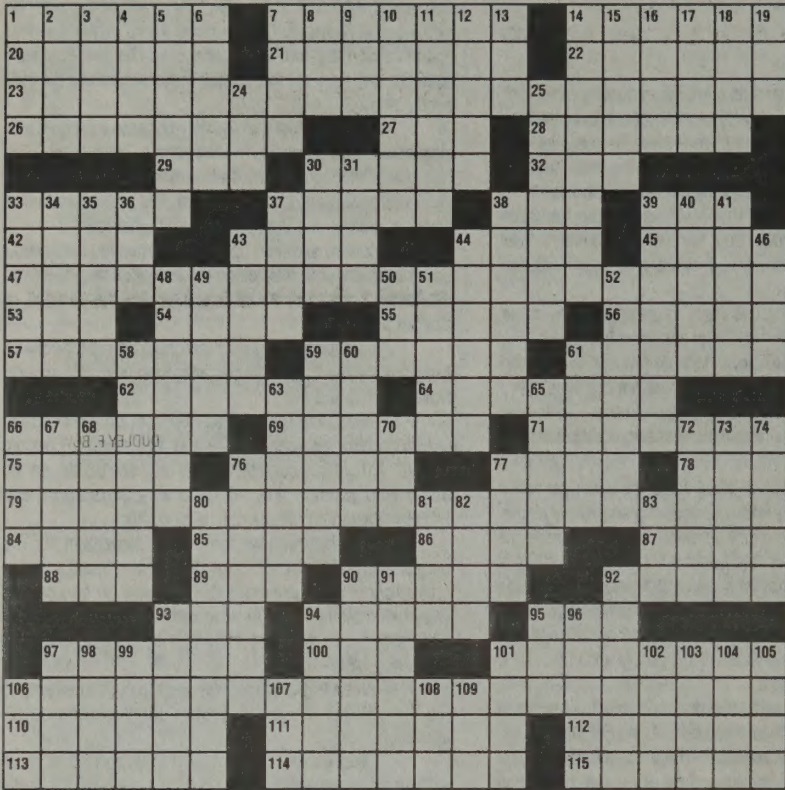
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- 1 Rooters' cries
 - 7 Actress Del Rio
 - 14 Makes a shambles of
 - 20 Alopecia — (partial baldness)
 - 21 "You —": song from "Show Boat"

- 22 Type of cigar
- 23 Start of a note to a holiday host
- 26 Missing person
- 27 Certain voters
- 28 Heretofore, heretofore
- 29 DDE's rival
- 30 Chic
- 32 Brit. dictionary
- 33 Horrify
- 37 Lighter part

- 38 Bambi's aunt
- 39 Seine sight
- 42 "Tres —!"
- 43 Churlish oaf
- 44 Thummin's partner
- 45 In one's right mind
- 47 More of note
- 53 RR stop
- 54 Neighbor of Minn.
- 55 Subject for Robert Burns

- 56 Figure skater
- 57 Henry VIII's portrait-painter
- 59 Aplenty
- 61 Pseudonym
- 62 Diogenes's guiding light
- 64 British ship taken by John Paul Jones
- 66 Refer

- 69 "Take me to your —"
- 71 Settled into a new house
- 75 French Revolution song
- 76 Candied
- 77 Vein of ore
- 78 Parseghian
- 79 More of note
- 84 Location
- 85 Laugh, in Lillie
- 86 Bring down

- 87 Hawaii's state bird
- 88 Indicate assent
- 89 Culbertson of bridge
- 90 Writer Alexander
- 92 Common viper
- 93 Bankroll
- 94 Pottery soils
- 95 On the —: fleeing
- 97 Needle-shaped
- 100 "— the ramparts..."
- 101 "Peacock Pie" poet Walter
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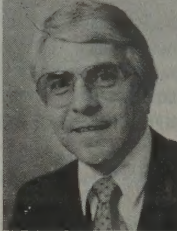
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- 34 Horse or bean
- 35 Ride a bike
- 36 "Have you — wool?"
- 37 Tined utensil
- 38 Chalk remover
- 39 Part of a Stein line
- 40 Language of 17 Down
- 41 Lancaster to York
- 43 Northern goose
- 44 Money lender, at times
- 46 Round Dutch cheese
- 48 Vitamin dosage
- 49 City NE of Venice
- 50 Building wing
- 51 At large
- 52 E.A. Robinson's Cheevy
- 58 Hazy, as vision

- 59 Slick musical
- 60 Put on —: pretend
- 61 Footless lot
- 63 Queen of whodunits
- 65 Soap plant
- 66 Radio's "Easy —"
- 67 Linda of TV's "Alice"
- 68 Rest at anchor
- 70 Ruby or Sandra
- 72 Went out with
- 73 Papas from Greece
- 74 "Raider" Ralph
- 76 Netherlands money
- 77 A Minnelli
- 80 "Canis Major"
- 81 Extremely candid camera shot
- 82 Brinker of the silver skates
- 83 "— Baby Makes Three"
- 90 Place for an ace?

- 91 Phil or Julie
- 92 Plumber of "Agnes of God"
- 93 "Show Me the — Go Home"
- 94 Blanket, e.g.
- 95 Aloha garland
- 96 Rags-to-riches hero
- 97 Stratford's river
- 98 Employment org.
- 99 Russian range
- 101 N.Y. summer times
- 102 Wound
- 103 "— baby!"
- 104 Film critic Rex
- 105 Norse epic poetry
- 106 Environmental agcy.
- 107 Wedding response
- 108 "Ain't — a Shame?" musical query
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 - 2 Fine horse
 - 3 Accosting shouts
 - 4 Comedienne Martha
 - 5 Dissonant
 - 6 Terre —, Indiana
 - 7 "South Pacific" sine qua non
 - 8 Pizarro's gold
 - 9 MGM's lion
 - 10 One's dad, unflatteringly
 - 11 Goulet or Wagner
 - 12 "Blessed" happening
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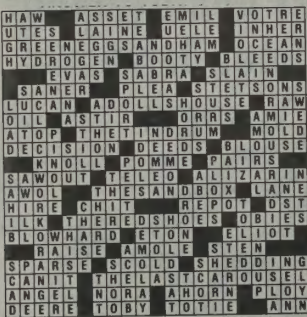
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Sutton Planning Board NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with MGL, Chapter 40A, Section 11, the Sutton Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 4, 1991 at 7:45 PM in the Municipal Building, for the purpose of reviewing the modified drainage plans for the approved subdivision known as "The Highlands-Phase II". Owner of this subdivision is Quality Home Builders and the revised plans are by Michael J. Burke.

Scott Paul, Chairman
January 17 and 24, 1991

Town of Sutton BOARD OF PUBLIC HEALTH

At a meeting of the Board of Health held on January 8, 1991, it was unanimously voted to adopt the following regulation under the authority of Chapter 111, Massachusetts General Laws, Section 31A and 31B. Any rule or regulation, or portion thereof, inconsistent with this new regulation are repealed or modified so as to be in consonance with this regulation. This regulation is, subsequent to publication and posting, effective on February 1, 1991.

2.0 REVOLVING ACCOUNTS FOR CONSULTANT FEES

2.01 Purpose

The purpose of these rules and regulations is to implement section 53G of Chapter 44 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth. Said section 53G allows for the imposition of reasonable fees for the employment of outside consultants and for depositing such fees into a special account by the Board.

2.02 Definition

2.02.1 Board shall mean Board of Health of the Town of Sutton.

2.02.2 Special account shall mean an account established by the town treasurer in the town treasury, separate and apart from other monies. Interest shall accrue to said special account.

2.03.1 The Board may, by a majority vote of its members, require any applicant for a permit, special permit, variance or other such approval however named to deposit with said board a fee in an amount determined by the board.

2.03.2 Such fee shall be reasonable and shall be used at the sole discretion of the board ONLY for the employment of outside consultant(s) to review plans before it for which the fee was received.

2.03.3 Said fee shall be paid to the board in the form of a check payable to the "Town of Sutton."

2.03.4 Upon receipt, the board shall forthwith transfer said fee to the town treasurer utilizing a separate departmental receipt form for each fee. By copy of the departmental receipt form, the board shall concurrently notify the town accountant of the receipt of such fee.

2.03.5 Upon receipt, the town treasurer shall deposit such fee into a special account. The funds in the special account, including accrued interest, shall be expended at the direction of the board without further appropriation; provided, however, that such funds are to be expended by it only in connection with carrying out its responsibilities under the law for the employment of outside consultants ONLY.

2.3.6 Any excess amount in the special account attributable to a specific project, including any accrued interest, at the completion of said project shall be repaid to the applicant or to the applicant's successor in interest.

2.4 Consultant

2.4.1 Minimum qualifications for consultants retained under those rules and regulations shall consist either of an educational degree in or related to the field at issue or three or more years of practice in the field at issue or a related field.

2.4.2 The consultant shall be totally independent of the project at issue; that is, the consultant shall have no direct or indirect interest, financial or otherwise, in said project.

2.4.3 The consultant shall be required to file with the board an affidavit stating he has no conflict of interest under M.G.L. Chapter 268A.

2.5 Reports

2.5.1 A final report of said special account shall be made available to the applicant or to the applicant's successor of interest.

2.5.2 The Board shall be responsible for maintaining separate detailed records of the receipts and disbursements under these rules and regulations for each project.

2.5.3 The town accountant shall submit annually a report of said special account to the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator for their review. Said report shall be published in the town annual report. The town accountant shall submit annually a copy of said report to the director of the bureau of accounts.

2.6 Appeal

2.6.1 A person aggrieved by the decision of any board acting pursuant to these rules and regulations shall have the right to an administrative appeal to the Board of Selectmen.

2.6.2 Such appeal is limited solely and exclusively to the selection of the outside consultant by the board.

2.6.3 The grounds for such an appeal shall be limited to claims that the consultant has a conflict of interest or does not possess the minimum, required qualifications.

2.6.4 The required time limits for action by the board upon an application shall be extended by the duration of the administrative appeal.

2.6.5 In the event that no decision is made by the Board of Selectmen within thirty (30) days following the filing of the appeal, the selection made by the board shall stand.

2.6.6 An appeal under these rules and regulations shall not preclude further judicial review, if otherwise permitted by law on the grounds provided for in this section or in section 53G of Chapter 44 of the general laws.

2.7 Authority

2.7.1 These rules and regulations are promulgated by the board pursuant to authority vested in the board by section 53G of Chapter 44 of the general laws of the Commonwealth.

2.7.2 These rules and regulations are effective on February 1, 1991.

Richard L. Stewart, Chairman
Jane Palermo, Clerk
James Crosby, Member
Sutton Board of Health

Millbury Planning Board NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A, M.G.L., the Millbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 28, 1991 at 8 p.m. at the Municipal Office Building, 127 Elm Street, Millbury to discuss the following changes/additions to the Millbury Zoning Bylaws:

Article 2, Section 25 - Industrial District Uses

Article 2, Section 25.3 - Maximum Building Heights in Industrial Districts

Article 5 - Definitions, Maximum Lot Coverage

Article 4, Section 48 - Route 146 Overlay District

A copy of the full text may be obtained in the Planning Department during regular business hours.

Anyone interested or wishing to be heard on these changes should appear at the time and place designated above.

Anna Lewandowski
Chairwoman

January 10 and 17, 1991

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Connor then called for other speakers. Al Hoekstra, Manager of the Post, explained, "On the incident of the 10th, I believe there was other intent there. I did not press charges about the person being in the building after closing hours. He was found on the men's room floor ... but our security system does not cover the mens' room, so it's my belief that he had other intent, hid in the men's room 'til after closing, had a 4-wheel vehicle hidden in the woods, came out into the bar, did take \$2 found missing next morning, set off the alarm, and went back and laid down on the men's room floor."

The bartender reported that the patron in question "nursed" one bottle of beer for over 45 minutes, left the bar shortly before closing, and apparently hid in the men's room. Hoekstra maintained that the bottles found in the car of the other patrons were not bar bottles. His bartender reported all bottles accounted for.

Hoekstra expressed interest in the bartender training program also, having discussed it with Legion officials.

Rafferty explained his reasons for trying to establish certain facts. Records of license hearings are called for by the ABC, and also have a bearing on licensee insurance. He felt certain points had to be made, and apologized to the Board for his actions.

Chizy expressed again his concern about training for bartenders.

Chief Baker summed up by saying, all other evidence notwithstanding, the people in contact with the Police in all instances were intoxicated. He felt that while neither operator intended to serve unlawfully, it was important to Sutton that the Police bring this information to the attention of the Selectmen. "I hope that all other establishments in town would take notice and take steps to avoid this process," he concluded. "There are ways to deal with these problems. They

can be handled with training."

LaBonte complimented the Police for bringing these violations to the attention of the Board. He agreed with the Board and the Chief that both businesses were "good citizens" but needed training for their bartenders.

Johnson, saying, "everyone deserves a chance," made a motion for the following:

1. Issue a strong reprimand to each licensee
2. Require all bartenders to attend a training program, and
3. Request each licensee to make an "honor donation" to an organization such as MADD.

His motion was adopted unanimously.

Blois reported on the TIPS (To Insure Proper Service) program, a 6 hour intensive course covering all aspects of bartending responsibility, sponsored by the Massachusetts Restaurant Owners Association. The cost of the program is \$400 for at least 10 people, and can be held in Sutton. Certification is awarded after a test. Johnson suggested all bars in Sutton be urged and invited to join, thus reducing the cost per person. Blois will pass the information to owners and report participation to the Board in 30 days.

The license renewal hearing for Burnap Ltd was postponed until January 22.

Winter Recreation Program

It was reported that three residents called Connor and Strieby to question the fee structure of the Winter Recreation Program. While the Board expressed appreciation to the Recreation Commission for all that has been accomplished in the past few years, it became clear that the establishment, collection, and disbursement of fees comes under certain legal restrictions.

In order to insure compliance, Blois was requested to arrange a fact-finding meeting with the Commission so the Selectmen could be advised of programs and fees, and help to insure the proper execution of recreation programs.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

From My Window on Farnsworth Court

By "Pastor Rae" Cameron

As I sit down at "My Window" to write this, the deadline of January 15th is still ahead of us. I pray that when you read this that we will still be negotiating with Iraq.

Talking about his situation with my mother the other day, she said, "I've told others and I'll tell you (I'm sure she did), It's all because we have forgotten God. Our churches are empty and our ball fields are full." An only son doesn't argue with his widowed mother, and she is somewhat right. I'm quire sure that our God has nothing against ball fields, as He says, "Bodily exercise is of some use, but Godliness is profitable in all things." (1 Timothy 4:8).

There is a Candlelight Vigil planned at the War Memorial in Worcester and right here in Millbury we're going to have had a Prayer Vigil for peace at First Congregational Church. I have even been asked to take part in a Yellow Ribbon Ceremony at Millbury High School to remember the service personnel from Millbury who are in Arabia. Lord, hear our prayers. Amen.

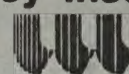
A special invitation to come to Millbury Baptist Church on Sunday, January 20, at 6:00 p.m. for our Christian Unity Sunday Service of the Millbury/Sutton Ecumenical Cluster. Each church is being asked to bring a symbol of their church to share. All of our local clergy will be taking part and the message will be brought by the Rev. Richard Hennigar, Executive Director of the Worcester County Ecumenical Council. The Service will conclude with a Celebration of Bread and Salt; symbols of our Oneness as the Body of Christ and our mutual ministries in Jesus' Name. Last year, this Service was stormed out twice, but weather permitting we will see you all there. Amen again....



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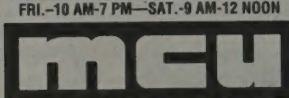
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